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As Chad Searcy (32) looks on, Clarence Peterson elevates above a crowd of Heidelberg Generals to tip in a missed shot Feb. 16 during Stuttgart's Tournament of Champions.



Displaying evidence of the quick guard play that helped the Stuttgart Stallions win the Tournament of Champions, AI Elliot drives past a Heidelberg defender.

Stuttgart Community-Level Tournament of Champions

1st Place
Stuttgart Stallions

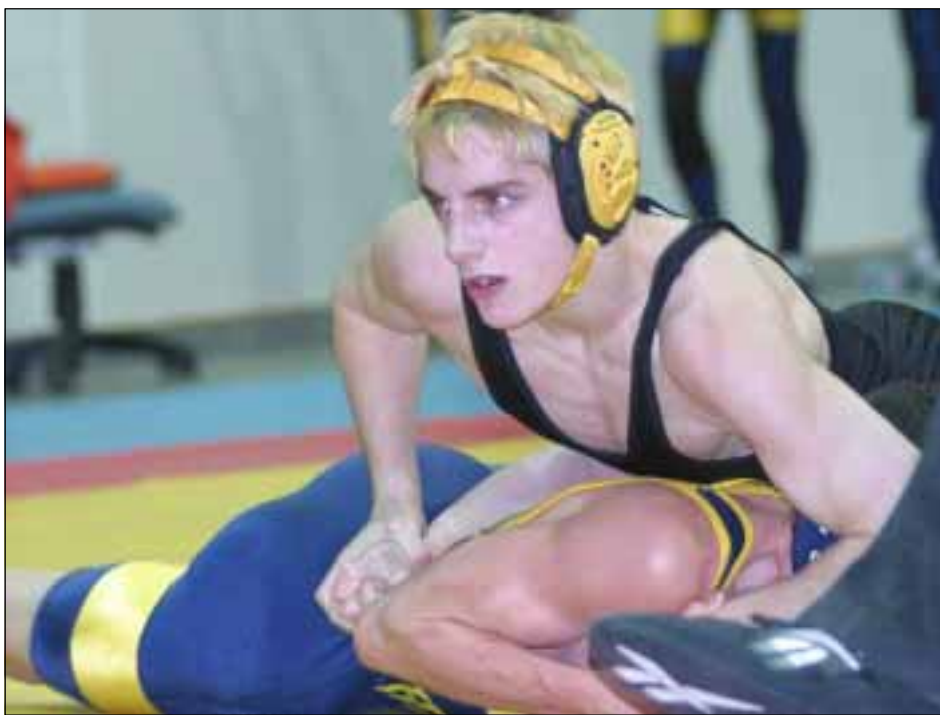
2nd Place
Heidelberg Generals

Stuttgart Unit-Level Basketball League

1st Place
6th Area Support Group

2nd Place
52nd Signal Battalion

3rd Place
Marine Corps Forces,
Europe



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Patch sophomore Joe Morrow works toward a victory in a Jan. 18 home meet. Morrow and junior Josh Anderson (below) won Department of Defense Dependents Schools Division II and European wrestling championships.

Anderson, Morrow win European titles

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The season that almost wasn't turned golden for two Patch High School wrestlers Feb. 8 in Wiesbaden.

Junior Josh Anderson and sophomore Joe Morrow, competing at 130 lbs. and 119 lbs., respectively, capped off a campaign filled with challenges by winning Department of Defense Dependents Schools European championships. Both wrestlers had captured DoDDS Division II titles the previous weekend.

"Their work ethic and their standards are extremely high," said Danny Morrow, the team's faculty sponsor. "They're not the kind of kids you have to ask to come to practice. They give 100 percent — and the results bear that out."

At several points throughout the season, though, it appeared as though even a 100-percent effort would not be enough to get the grapplers to the showdown in Wiesbaden.

Before the season even began, it was feared that cuts to the DoDDS budget might force the cancellation of — or a drastic reduction in — the winter sports schedule. Then, with the campaign underway, PHS Coach Matt Koenigsfeld was deployed for 45 days.

Finally, during a Jan. 18 meet (an eight-team face-off and the Panthers' only home contest of the year), Anderson suffered a dislocated elbow that required hospitalization and surgery — and put an apparent end to his quest for a third European crown.

"At first, I couldn't even lift my arm," Anderson said. "My doctor [in a local Ger-



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man hospital] said it would be months before I could wrestle."

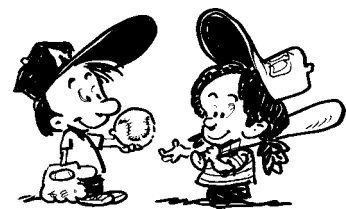
Amazingly, a second opinion, a concerted effort and a significant amount of athletic tape enabled Anderson to return to the mat for the Division II meet a mere two weeks after his injury. Coming back so quickly "was a tough decision," Anderson admitted, noting that such a high-profile injury meant that his opponents targeted his vulnerability "in every single match."

Perhaps inspired by Anderson's achievement, the entire Patch squad performed well enough at the division meet to qualify for the following weekend's European tournament.

In addition to Patch's two individual championships, junior Sean Dowty took third place in the 160-lb. category at the European meet, while sophomore Chris Vucich placed fifth at 119 lbs. Every PHS wrestler won at least one match in the tournament.

Youth baseball, softball deadlines near

- **Registration** ends March 21
- **Player evaluations** are March 22
- **Practices** begin March 24
- **Opening Day** is April 26



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